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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting herewith a copy and a listing therefor of EP 0701278 A2, in equivalent form PTO 1449, which was cited in the International Search Report of three counterpart foreign applications of co-pending related U.S. Appln. Ser. No. 10/058,709, for the USPTO's consideration. Application Ser. No. 10/058,709 is a separate continuing application having a same original U.S. application basis as that of the present application (see earlier filed paper entitled, Cross-Reference to Related Applications). (Copies of the three (3) International Search Reports including attachments thereto are also enclosed herewith.)

It is noted that one of the two cited art documents in the search report is USP 5,398,863, which was earlier made of record in a listing of art documents in the originally submitted IDS, at the time of filing the above-identified application.

Therefore, for purposes of this IDS, only the above-named European Patent document is being cited herein.

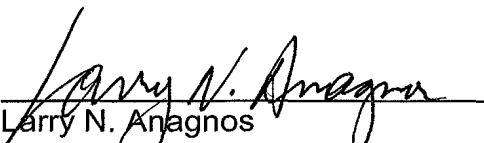
This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this IDS is in compliance with the time limits set forth 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3).

In addition to submission of a copy of the International Search Report which is in the English language, it is noted that the cited European Patent Document therein is also in the English language. Therefore, the requirements concerning 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) have been accordingly met.

It is submitted this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgment of such entry as well as of a formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

If any costs are due in accordance with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge same to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (501.35286C14).

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